# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

# **FISCAL NOTE**



HB 1775 - SB 1969

February 28, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the garnishment of earnings, compensation, and wages of independent contractors when a judgement has been issued.

## **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

## Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 26-2-102 defines "earnings" and "disposable earnings" for the purpose of garnishment. The bill adds definitions for "employee" and "employer" that would effectively subject to potential garnishment the wages and earnings of independent contractors.
- There is insufficient data on the number of state or local agencies that contract with independent contractors. However, it is assumed that any impact to the operations of state and local government will not be significant, and that any impact from the bill can be accommodated within existing resources.
- Any other impact resulting from the bill will be borne by private parties.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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